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OLIVER FEIN HONORED AS FIRST RECIPIENT OF NEW AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING FORMER HEALTH POLICY FELLOWS

WASHINGTON — The Institute of Medicine has recognized Weill Cornell Medical College's Oliver Fein as the first recipient of the Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Health Policy Fellowship Alumni Award for Excellence in Promoting and Advancing Health Policy. The newly established award honors alumni of the RWJ Health Policy Fellowship Program who demonstrate excellence in their commitment to advancing and promoting health policy while enhancing the careers of other fellows and program alumni.

The award recognizes alumni fellows for their accomplishments in the health policy arena as well as their commitment to service. Fein was selected for his efforts to promote patient-centered, community-oriented care and his commitment to encouraging the next generation of health care providers to engage in the larger issues of health policy and health care reform in America. Among other initiatives, Fein helped lead the efforts of health policy leaders interested in improving care for the most vulnerable populations in New York City. He played key roles in the development and expansion of the Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) and Physicians for a National Health Plan (PNHP).

Fein was tapped as a RWJ Health Policy fellow in 1993 and served in the office of U.S. Senate majority leader George Mitchell through 1994. He assisted Sen. Mitchell during the effort to enact health care reform in the Clinton administration.

Fein is currently professor of clinical medicine and clinical public health and associate dean for affiliations at the Weill Cornell Medical College, New York City. He is the American Public Health Association's vice president for the United States, president-elect of PNHP, and chair of PNHP's New York Metro Chapter. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and serves on SGIM's health policy committee.

Established in 1973 at the Institute of Medicine with a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the RWJ Health Policy Fellowship Program develops the abilities of outstanding midcareer health professionals in academic and community-based settings by providing them with an understanding of the health policy process. Fellows spend a year working in the executive branch or a congressional office with key responsibilities for health legislation and programs. More than 200 fellows from universities, colleges, and other health-related organizations across the nation have participated in this program. Additional information about this program can be found at www.healthpolicyfellows.org.
Established in 1970 under the charter of the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine provides independent, objective, evidence-based advice to policymakers, health professionals, the private sector, and the public. The National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council make up the National Academies.

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